

THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 1998 CONVENTION

Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Approved by the Convention BUT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters

1. Replaces the Convention Committee on Awards with two committees —
Constitution Art. III, Sec. 2(b)
Convention minutes pages 14
2. Deletes a sentence overlooked by an amendment ratified in March 1998 —
Constitution Art. III, Sec. 6
Convention minutes page 9
3. Adds title of Executive Director to that of Secretary-Treasurer —
Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 2(c)
Convention minutes page 9

Bylaws Amendments Approved by the Convention NOT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters

1. Increased chapter fines —
Bylaw VIII
Convention minutes pages 8-9 and 11-12
2. Eliminated a requirement for Corresponding Secretaries to send the names/addresses of Advisory Board members and deleted a phrase overlooked by an amendment passed in 1996 —
Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(e)(4) ; Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d)(1); and Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01(a)
(affects a cross-reference in Constitution Art. VII, Sec. 1(c))
Convention minutes pages 9 and 13-14

Other Convention Actions (Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

1. Gave the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 1997-98 to Maryland Beta, with honorable mention to New Hampshire Alpha. (p. 16)
2. Applauded the performance of the retiring 1994-98 Great Lakes Executive Council and the installation of the Mid-Atlantic Executive Council to office for the 1998-2002 term. (p. 18)
3. Gave the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 1997-98 to Massachusetts Delta, with honorable mentions to California Sigma and Ohio Epsilon. (p. 16)
4. Accepted Ohio Gamma's invitation to host the 2001 Convention in Columbus. (p. 9)
5. Applauded the presentation of 19 Chapter Project Awards for excellent project work in 1997-98 to: California Phi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Georgia Beta, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Theta, Minnesota Alpha, New Hampshire Alpha, New York Kappa, New York Omicron, New York Tau, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Epsilon, Vermont Beta, Washington Gamma, and Washington Delta. (p. 10)

6. Applauded the presentation of \$500 scholarships in the Tau Beta Pi Chapter Scholarship Program to: Indiana Delta, Michigan Epsilon, New York Omicron, Ohio Theta, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Theta, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Wisconsin Alpha, and Wisconsin Delta, which had won three consecutive Secretary's Commendations, and to: California Phi, Florida Alpha, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Theta, Minnesota Alpha, New Hampshire Alpha, New York Kappa, New York Omicron, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, and Vermont Beta, which had won three consecutive Project Awards. (p. 10)
7. Applauded the presentation of 66 Secretary's Commendations for perfect headquarters reports in 1997-98 to: Alabama Beta, Alabama Delta, Arizona Alpha, California Alpha, California Beta, California Delta, California Theta, California Sigma, California Psi, California Omega, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Zeta, Connecticut Beta, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Georgia Beta, Idaho Alpha, Illinois Alpha, Indiana Beta, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Iowa Beta, Kansas Gamma, Louisiana Delta, Maryland Alpha, Maryland Beta, Massachusetts Alpha, Massachusetts Delta, Massachusetts Zeta, Massachusetts Eta, Michigan Delta, Michigan Epsilon, Minnesota Beta, Nevada Beta, New Hampshire Alpha, New Mexico Alpha, New York Eta, New York Theta, New York Kappa, New York Omicron, New York Pi, New York Tau, Ohio Delta, Ohio Epsilon, Ohio Eta, Ohio Theta, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Lambda, Oregon Beta, Pennsylvania Alpha, Pennsylvania Zeta, Pennsylvania Theta, Pennsylvania Lambda, Rhode Island Alpha, South Carolina Beta, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Texas Iota, West Virginia Alpha, Wisconsin Alpha, Wisconsin Beta, Wisconsin Gamma, Wisconsin Delta, Wisconsin Epsilon, and Wyoming Alpha. (p. 10)
8. Applauded the presentation of a Greater Interest in Government Chapter Project Grants for 1996-97 to Iowa Alpha (\$275) and Massachusetts Delta (\$750). (p. 16)
9. Applauded the announcement of Tau Beta Pi Laureates — Jonathan M. Owens of Alabama Beta and Guang-Ien Cheng of Massachusetts Beta. (p. 16)
10. Applauded the announcement of the 1998 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor -- Mr. John A. Tucker of Massachusetts Beta. (p. 16)
11. Renamed the award, clarified the basis for nomination, decided not to establish a Standard of Excellence in Engineering Award and applauded the announcement of the winner of the 1998 Tau Beta Pi Standard of Excellence Award — Dr. William T. Snyder, *TNA '54*, nominated by the Great Smoky Mountains Alumnus Chapter and sponsored by Tennessee Alpha. (pp. 14 and 16)
12. Revised the Ritual. (p. 13)
13. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 1999 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 1998 Convention, except for travel by automobile, which increased to 25¢/mi. plus 5¢/mi./passenger for up to three additional member-passengers. (p. 12)
14. Named The Tau Beta Pi Association Scholarship Program and The Tau Beta Pi ~~Association~~ Chapter Performance Scholarship Program. (p. 15)
15. Reviewed issues which would arise with a petition from an international institution and referred that topic to a task force for further study and to report to the 1999 Convention. (p. 14)
16. Decided that Tau Beta Pi image materials need drastic improvement, prioritized areas for improvement, and recommended that the Council contract with a firm to develop those materials for the 1999 Convention. (p. 15)
17. Enjoyed the R.H. Nagel memorial slide show. (p. 15)

MINUTES OF THE 93RD CONVENTION THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION, INC.

Holiday Inn, Manhattan, Kansas, and Kansas State University
October 8-10, 1998

Voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and national officials registered for the Convention in the lobby of the Holiday Inn on October 8. Final registration of those who attended the business meetings was as follows:

Official collegiate chapter voting delegates:

AL A	Alisa D. Fyfe	FL H	Jarrett R. Datcher	MN A	Mark R. Frederiksen
AL B	Chad M. Killeen	FL Θ	Danmary Sanchez	MN B	Jason W. Bjork
AL Γ	Erin G. Sapp	GA A	Grant Wells	MS A	Jeffrey D. Skinner
AL Δ	Amy L. Cunningham	GA B	Dorothy E. Harris	MS B	Allison L. Hooten
AL E	Gregory J. Elrite	ID A	Zachary M. Saul	MO A	Kevin M. Ponciroli
AK A	Christian M. Salmon	IL A	Amy L. Kaleita	MO B	Diane L. Moellenhoff
AZ A	Ryan B. Goebel	IL B	Kush Kapur	MO Γ	Amanda L. Matheu
AZ B	Daniel S. Jones	IL Γ	Chia-Yang J. Lu	MT A	Andrew C. Muntz
AZ Γ	Kenneth E. Schmidt	IL Δ	Pedro L. Febles Cortez	MT B	Jennifer L. Belknap
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CA A	Bernard K. Lin	IL Z	Ronald R. Rudniski	NV A	Tasha E. Palmer
CA B	Neema Jalali	IN A	Rachel E. Peck	NV B	Clifton D. Morgan
CA Γ	Matthew A. Lehar	IN B	Morgan A. Hawker	NH A	Andrea N. Dozet
CA Δ	Zahir Y. Alpaslan	IN Γ	Chad S. Green	NJ A	-----
CA E	Lisa A. Takeuchi	IN Δ	Aaron V. Gin	NJ B	Abolaji Ogunshola
CA Z	Calvin M. Lwin	IN E	Travis M. Andreas	NJ Γ	Jeff Y. Joo
CA H	Ramak Asgari	IA A	William T. Pollock	NJ Δ	-----
CA Θ	Phillip C. Stinis	IA B	E. Ann Black	NM A	Amy M. Reyner
CA I	Dennis S. Molina	KS A	Erin H. Hummert	NM B	Dolores M. Gabaldon
CA K	Karina G. Zambrano	KS B	Jeffrey D. Long	NM Γ	William R. Gruner
CA Λ	Christine E. Owlett	KS Γ	Troy S. Brin	NY A	Vikram S. Kumar
CA M	David J. Clark	KY A	David J. Nickels	NY B	Lee C. Peterson
CA N	Nicklaus A. Rustad	KY B	-----	NY Γ	Martin E. Kosto
CA Ξ	W. Casey Lowrey	LA A	Rebecca M. Fisher	NY Δ	Ashutosh Agrawal
CA O	R. Michael Alvarez	LA B	-----	NY H	Pradeep Ramsaran
CA R	David C. Horn	LA Γ	Jasmina Beslagic	NY Θ	Jeffrey J. Ozvold
CA Σ	-----	LA Δ	Sarah G. Chance	NY I	Anand Srivatsa
CA T	Maki Inamine	LA E	Anna Maria T. Schneider	NY K	Aaron S. Master
CA Y	Sean H. Mann	ME A	Kimberly A. Bryant	NY M	-----
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CA X	Brian L. Sayre	MD B	R. Brian DiAngelo	NY Ξ	Stephen F. DiPilato
CA Ψ	Kevin J. Schumacher	MD Γ	Kerry A. George	NY O	Daniel Fong
CA Ω	Mikhail Pinelis	MD Δ	Byron M. Stancil	NY Π	Amy M. VanSickle
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CO Δ	-----	MA Δ	Jonathan Z. Lin	NC A	Emily J. Skinner
CO E	-----	MA E	Pik Leng Wong	NC Γ	Neil A. Hattangadi
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DC A	Leah R. Patterson	MI B	Michael J. Chinn	OH B	Karthik Natarajan
DC B	Elizabeth A. Walsh	MI Γ	Parag P. Desai	OH Γ	John S. Fisher
DC Γ	Kristy L. McDonnell	MI Δ	Jason R. Hendry	OH Δ	Behrooz Rahaii
FL A	Carter G. Reue	MI E	Colleen L. Hill	OH E	Jeffrey M. Rubinski
FL B	Grace Ng	MI Z	Rodger J. M. Olson	OH Z	Jason C. Wendell
FL Γ	Lisa E. McMahan	MI H	Kristina A. Kaiser	OH H	David A. Van Veldhuizen
FL Δ	Patrick Gonzalez	MI Θ	Andrea L. Messer	OH Θ	Daniel G. Poole
FL E	Gregory D. Ham	MI I	Mounir Hider	OH I	Keith G. Bornhorst
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OH M	David C. Hanna	SC F	Michael C. Richardson	UT F	Scott A. Anderson
OK A	Ross A. Nelson	SD A	Jeromy C. Johnson	VT A	Eric A. Snyder
OK B	Jerry F. Suva, II	SD B	Corey W. Halstead	VT B	Suzanne P. Beede
OK F	Megan E. Devine	TN A	Sjon-Paul L. Conyer	VA A	Jonathan T. Butcher
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OR B	Daniel R. Bockelman	TN F	Brian D. McCloud	VA F	Mark D. Richmond
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PA B	Justin D. Petruzzelli	TN E	David A. Thompson	WA A	Michael C. Schmidt
PA F	Jason R. McDowall	TN Z	Yousef S. Iskander	WA B	Abigail M. Aiken
PA A	Julie B. Herman	TX A	Sohan H. Parekh	WA F	Douglas L. Gadow
PA E	Brett T. Atkinson	TX B	Kristopher D. Peterson	WA A	Heather L. Beese
PA Z	Mark E. Nadzadi	TX F	Edward H. Feng	WV A	Shannon S. Vogus
PA H	Mary C. Latham	TX A	Gary Don Seidel	WV B	David J. Tabor
PA O	Rosalie A. Ragucci	TX E	Carletha C. West	WI A	Ethan A. Treptow
PA I	William K. Feeser	TX Z	Randall W. Read	WI B	Joelle K. Froehling
PA K	Timothy C. Bretl	TX H	Amy J. Smaistrila	WI F	Andrew R. Caves
PA A	Philip J. Lenart	TX O	Lola B. Norton	WI A	Bruce F. Beilfuss, II
PR A	Miriam J. Febus	TX I	Doanh K. Luong	WI E	Sean P. Lynch
RI A	Scott I. Jackson	TX K	Chandra D. Webb	WY A	Michele A. Colgan
RI B	Curtis B. Carlsten	TX A	Curtis D. Behr		
SC A	Bradley M. Grace	UT A	M. Brett McMickell		

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AL A	Hugh A. Hartwig	MA B	Elaine Y. Chen	OH F	John D. Wylie
AZ A	Eric M. Johnson	MA E	Michael P. Fitzgibbons	OH A	Michael E. Thomas
AR A	Kyla D. Cummings	MI F	Serhuei Chia	OH K	Justin M. Molenaar
AR A	Muhammad F. Khan	MI F	Hans H.S. Chong	OH A	Kevin L. Burnworth
AR A	Jennifer D. Smith	MI F	Catherine M. Kobus	OK F	Leah D. Hash
CA F	Zheng Y. Huang	MI F	Karin A. Marcinkowski	OK F	Inamulla M. Iyoob
CA E	Tin-Man Lee	MI F	Neelesh K. Varde	OR A	Andrew D. Howe
CA E	Nhatnam Nguyen	MI F	Michael D. White	PA A	Courtney A. Black
CA Y	Andrew Lindsay	MI O	Lisa Holtz	PA A	Connie D. DeMoyer
CO B	Colin A. Graham	MI I	Shaun Z. Abushar	PA B	Heather A. Underwood
CO Z	John R. Jochum	MN A	Marwane Berrada	PA E	Karen L. Berrier
CO Z	Timothy J. Stevens	MN B	Jeremy D. Swanson	PA Z	George Papayannis
CT B	Ewa U. Padlo	MO A	Stephanie Fichter	PA H	Robert E. Dyson
DE A	Kara L. Odom	MO A	Margaret E.W. St. Germain	PA O	Gregory D. Smith
DC A	Sheldon L. Lyn	MO F	Victoria M. Winn	PA A	Louis E. DeFrate
FL A	My Hanh T. Nguyen	NH A	Melissa J. Wood	SD A	Angela C. Dick
FL O	Eduardo A. Cisneros	NJ B	Edward R. Barkley	SD A	Jade M. Kizer
FL O	Karen E. Ellzey	NJ B	Rhea M. Jaico	SD B	Dwight D. Duell
FL O	Andres J. Lacambra	NJ B	Gunjan Mital	SD B	Robert E. Young
FL O	Felipe A. Leon	NJ B	Craig A. Moffit	TN A	David L. Hall
IL A	Amanda C. Caswell	NJ B	Robert M. Wiczerzynski	TN B	Ryan D. Myers
IL A	Pong K. Lee	NM F	Tamara H. Barber	TX B	Rebecca S. Diers
IL A	S. Joyce Song	NY F	Judith A. Muller	TX A	Katherine E. Smith
IL Z	Ashley J. Poole	NY A	Daniel W. Hang	TX E	Kheun N. Chia
IA A	Amy B. Anderson	NY II	Kevin T. Kelley	TX I	Susan L. Wilson
IA A	Matthew J. Bartusek	NY P	George Feng	UT F	Todd D. Newswander
IA A	LeAnn E. Faidley	NY T	Christopher R. Conklin	UT F	Gregory C. Willden
IA A	Jeffrey A. Larsen	NY T	Seamus P. Gorman	VT B	Henri M. Akouka
IA A	J. Marcus Meacham	NY T	Nicole M. Jantzi	VT B	Mark P. Bombard
IA A	Melissa K. Welsh	NY T	Matthew A. Rubin	VA B	Julia A. Novak
IA A	Tanya L. Wright	NY T	Jessica J. Terry	WI A	Rachel M. Clark
KS B	Wadii M. Benjilany	NC A	Stephen C. Myers	WI A	Alisa K. Hansen
KS B	Darren B. Berube	ND A	Sheila M. Kalnbach	WI A	Jason E. Robinson
KS B	Ryan L. Dill	OH A	Angela Y. Byun	WI A	Dean Sanner
KS B	Larry M. Morton	OH B	Patrick McCoy	WY A	Jeanne M. Bonomo
KS B	Michael F. Schnitzler	OH F	Jennifer L. Drignat	WY A	Lana K. Kingsbury
LA A	William H. Jeffcoat	OH F	Geoffrey S. Shaver		
MD B	Jason E. Lindler	OH F	Gene F. Sirca		

Chapter advisors:

AR A	Marc T. Barry	KS Γ	Ruth D. Miller	OH H	William C. Elrod
CA T	Scott E. Fable	KS Γ	Donald E. Rathbone	OH H	Constantine H. Houpis
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KS Γ	Bradley L. Guenther	OH Γ	Carolyn J. Merry	UT A	A. Bruno Frazier
KS Γ	Terry S. King	OH E	Nilufer H. Dural	UT Γ	Martin D. Jensen

Alumnus chapter voting delegates:

Central Illinois — Daniel F. Hang, MD B '41
Great Smoky Mountains — Martha S. Polston, TN A '79
Ohio's North Coast — Jila S. Sanayei, NJ G '86

Officials of the Association in attendance were:

National Officers

President E.D. Basta
Vice President E.W. Beans
Councillor R.O. Barr, Jr.
Councillor J.R. Luchini
Councillor M.K. Brennan

Director of Fellowships
D.S. Pierre, Jr.
Director of Rituals
A.R. Hirsch
Director of Engineering Futures
R.M. Hickling

Secretary-Treasurer
J.D. Froula
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
R.E. Hawks

District Directors

District 1 — H.H. Houh
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M.D. Malmstrom
District 4 — J.S. Bibb
R.L. Werneth
District 5 — R.W. Pierce
District 6 — J.J. Hanby
E.D. Styles
District 7 — A.M. Brenner
H.E. Havens
E.A. Stephan

District 8 — M.J. Cunningham
J.G. Macro
District 9 — C.W. Caldwell
E.R. Fowler
District 10 — D.A. Kamat
A.B. Mosher
District 11 — C. Harrison
District 12 — J.M. Meena
L.A. Simonson
District 13 — R.W. Mead
District 14 — E.L. Tezak
District 15 — S.D. Jennings-King

Engineering Futures Facilitators:

Richard R. Andre
J. Alex Chediak
Solange C. Dao
Alison L. Hu
Jason A. Huggins
Samir Jain

J. Walter Joseph
Stephen K. Kramer
Joseph A. Kuspa
John A. Lusted
Lisa A. Matta
Matthew W. Ohland

Norman P. Pih
Manuel Rodriguez-Perazza
Charles F. Schult
John W. Tanquary
Dennis J. Tyner
Shannon M. Willems
L. Dirk Wyngarden

Executive Council-elect:

Jerome A. Atkins, DC A '63
Edward J. D'Avignon, NY B '88
Douglas M. Green, TX B '65
George D. Peterson, OH H '72
Catherine P. Rice, MD B '83

Alumnus visitors and Laureates:

James W. Johnson, Jr., NC A '77
Kenneth L. Martin, NM A '83
Jonathan M. Owens, AL B '98
C. Kenneth Razak, KS A '39

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Co-chairs Brian J. Budke (and Heather V. Rectanus, who was not present). Other Kansas Gamma members assisting the Convention were: L.N. Buller, C.A. Burgardt, J.A. Cook, E.B. Dalton, S.E. Ellis, J.M. Goering, J.J. Grant, J.M. Hartman, K.S. Lander, D.J. Lethbridge, S.M. Nicholls, A.W. Orsborn, B.L. Parks, A.M. Pauly, J.W. Seymour, E.R. Verderber, C.L. Webster, D.E. Will, M.B. Willoughby, and J.A. Wright.

1999 Convention Arrangements Chair Catherine C. Jehring was in attendance.

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, October 8, Regency Ballroom, Holiday Inn

President Edward D. Basta called the Convention to order at 3:05 p.m. In accord with the Bylaws, Secretary J.D. Froula served as Secretary of the Convention.

The Secretary reported that a quorum was present although final registration was incomplete; 147 voting delegates and national officers were registered. Executive Councillor Molly K. Brennan introduced members of the Executive Council, Executive Council-elect, Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., Director of Rituals A.R. Hirsch, Director of Engineering Futures R.M. Hickling, Secretary Froula, Assistant Secretary R.E. Hawks, and all District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators present.

The President's Report for the Executive Council for 1997-98 was presented by Mr. Basta. It is a part of these minutes (see enclosure) and will be published in the Winter 1999 **BENT**.

The President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association constitute the Committee on Order of Convention Business, according to the Bylaws. An **agenda** for the order of business had been prepared and was sent to all delegates in advance. **It was adopted** on motion by Secretary Froula, seconded by T.S. Brin (KS G), as follows:

First Business Meeting:

- Official opening of the Convention
- Quorum report of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Introduction of National Officers and EC-elect
- President's report for Executive Council
- Adoption of Convention Agenda
- Assumption of the chair by the permanent Convention Chair

Second Business Meeting:

- Reports of Committees: Financial Affairs, Rituals, Convention Site, Constitution and Bylaws, and International Chapter (ad hoc)

Third Business Meeting:

- Action as necessary on Committee recommendations
- Report of Awards Committee
- Report of Standard of Excellence Selection Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- New business

Final Business Meeting:

- Presentation of Greater Interest in Government awards
- Presentation of National Outstanding Advisor Award
- Presentation of Laureate awards
- Final Report of Standard of Excellence Selection Committee
- Final Report of Awards Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Installation of Executive Council
- Official adjournment

Appointment of delegates to the Convention Committees had been made by the Secretary in advance as required by the Bylaws, and the committees were given instructions and information about their assignments. "Standing" committees are specified in the Constitution. Committees select their own chairs, and national officer advisors and consultants are named for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

Petitions Committee:

(There was no business for this committee.)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Erin G. Sapp, AL G
Kenneth E. Schmidt, AZ G
Lisa A. Takeuchi, CA E
Ramak Asgari, CA H
Christine E. Owlett, CA L
-----, CA S
Kevin J. Schumacher, CA Y
-----, CT G
Elizabeth A. Walsh, DC B
Richard G. Peltzer, FL Z
Renee L. Goff, IL E
E. Ann Black, IA B
Jasmina Beslagic, LA G
Huijing Wu, MA Z

Jason R. Hendry, MI D
Theresa N. Shane, MI K
Jennifer L. Belknap, MT B
-----, NJ A
Sotirius Diamantis, NY N
Peter E. Kobylarz, NC D
Karthik Natarajan, OH B
Daniel G. Poole, OH Th
David C. Hanna, OH M
Jason R. McDowall, PA G
Brett T. Atkinson, PA E
Bradley M. Grace, SC A
David H. Thompson, TN E
Edward H. Feng, TX G

Curtis D. Behr, TX L (Chair)
Eric A. Snyder, VT A
Michael C. Schmidt, WA A
Shannon S. Vogus, WV A
Andrew R. Caves, WI G
Heather E. Havens, Dist. 7
Director, Advisor
Henry R. Szwed, Dist. 2
Director, Consultant
Russell L. Werneth, Dist. 4
Director, Consultant
Daniel A. Kamat, Dist. 10
Director, Consultant

Chapter and National Financial Affairs Committee:

Gregory J. Elrite, AL E
Christian M. Salmon, AK A
Daniel S. Jones, AZ B
Phillip C. Stinis, CA Th
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Man K. Chiu, CA Phi
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Lisa E. McMahan, FL G
Amy L. Kaleita, IL A
Kush Kapur, IL B
Aaron V. Gin, IN D
Erin H. Hummert, KS A
-----, KY B

R. Brian DiAngelo, MD B
Joseph P. Colebourn, MA I
Rodger J. M. Olson, MI Z
Andrea L. Messer, MI Th (Chair)
Mounir Hider, MI I
Tasha E. Palmer, NV A
Abolaji Ogunshola, NJ B
William R. Gruner, NM G
Ashutosh Agrawal, NY D
Aaron S. Master, NY K
Daniel Fong, NY O
Casey M. Hansen, ND A
Jason C. Wendell, OH Z

Kipp A. Krukowski, OH L
Jerry F. Suva, OK B
Julie B. Herman, PA D
Mark E. Nadzadi, PA Z
Philip J. Lenart, PA L
Doanh K. Luong, TX I
Mark D. Hancock, UT B
Henry H. Houh, Dist. 1
Director, Advisor
Michael J. Cunningham, Dist. 8
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James W. Johnson Jr.
Parliamentarian, Consultant

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Karina G. Zambrano, CA K
R. Michael Alvarez, CA O
Brian L. Sayre, CA Chi
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Dorothy E. Harris, GA B
Zachary M. Saul, ID A
Rachel E. Peck, IN A
Chad S. Green, IN G
Jeffrey D. Long, KS B
Sarah G. Chance, LA D
Jonathan Z. Lin, MA D

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Kristina A. Kaiser, MI H
Jason W. Bjork, MN B
Benjamin W. Spargo, NE A
Andrea N. Dozet, NH A
-----, NJ D
Amy M. Reyner, NM A
Anand Srivatsa, NY I
Behrooz Rahaii, OH D
Keith G. Bornhorst, OH I
Ross A. Nelson, OK A

Daniel R. Bockelman, OR B
Scott I. Jackson, RI A
Jeromy C. Johnson, SD A
Gary D. Seidel, TX D (Chair)
Amy J. Smaistrila, TX H
Suzanne P. Beede, VT B
Abigail M. Aiken, WA B
Joelle K. Froehling, WI B
Alan R. Hirsch, Director of
Rituals, Advisor
Keith S. Wilberg, District 1
Director, Consultant

Convention Site Committee:

Calvin M. Lwin, CA Z
Sean H. Mann, CA U
David J. Kern, CO Z
Sujata K. Bhatia, DE A
Carter G. Reue, FL A
Patrick Gonzalez, FL D
Travis M. Andreas, IN E
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President Basta announced that the Executive Council had appointed Director of Fellowships D.S. Pierre Jr. as Permanent Chair of the Convention, in accord with the Bylaws. He yielded the gavel to Mr. Pierre who announced that Trust Advisory Committee member J.W. Johnson Jr. would serve as Convention Parliamentarian, *Robert's Rules of Order* would be followed at the business meetings, and closure would be reached on all business issues. With the aid of transparencies and physical demonstrations, Mr. Johnson presented the fundamental principles of parliamentary procedure.

Chairman Pierre declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 3:50 p.m.

The headquarters display was set up during the Convention in the prefunction area of the hotel.

Meetings of all Convention Committees were held in rooms and various areas of the hotel starting at 4:10 p.m. Engineering Futures Facilitators presented Engineering Futures orientation meetings for all non-voting delegates.

District Meetings and an orientation meeting for committee chairs were held in rooms and various areas of the hotel starting at 5:20 p.m.

The Welcoming Dinner of the Convention was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom of the hotel; seating was by Districts. Brian J. Budke was master of ceremonies. Dr. James R. Coffman, provost of Kansas State University, welcomed the delegates, recognized the organizational skills and excellent work of the Kansas Gamma Chapter members, and stressed the importance of professional development. Dr. Terry S. King, IA A '73, dean of the college of engineering, welcomed the delegates, reviewed the history of the university and the attributes of his college, and stated that Tau Beta Pi plays a central role in the education of engineering students. Elizabeth R. Verderber, KS G '99, President, thanked the Kansas Alpha and Missouri Alpha Chapters for hosting the attenders at the Kansas City International Airport, thanked Dr. E.R. Fowler and the other advisors and chapter members for their hard work, and welcomed everybody to Manhattan. President Basta welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Association, thanked the host members and their institution for support of the chapter, and thanked the delegates for taking the time and making the commitment to attend the meetings. Director of Engineering Futures R.M. Hickling encouraged the delegates to take advantage of the Engineering Futures Program and to schedule seminars on their campuses and encouraged them to use the Tau Beta Pi website to volunteer to host sessions. He presented certificates of appreciation to California Theta, California Upsilon, Florida Alpha, Florida Zeta, Florida Theta, Illinois Theta, Maryland Alpha, Massachusetts Beta, Massachusetts Delta, Minnesota Alpha, Ohio Kappa, Puerto Rico Alpha, and Tennessee Delta for hosting at least three sessions and presented certificates to Facilitators A.M. Brenner, S.C. Dao, R.W. Pierce, D.J. Tyner, and S.M. Willems for presenting at least six sessions during the year. Dr. M.F. Rodriguez-Perazza was presented a special plaque (in Spanish) for his dedication to the Engineering Futures Program. A total of 441 people enjoyed the banquet.

Meetings of all Convention Committees and Engineering Futures groups reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

A meeting of Advisors and Alumnus Delegates, was conducted at 9:30 p.m. by Drs. E.W. Beans, R.O. Barr Jr., and D.M. Green.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING Friday, October 9, Regency Ballroom, Holiday Inn

Chairman Pierre called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Secretary Froula reported that 234 voting delegates and national officers were registered, thus fixing the number of votes required to pass various items of business. The Tellers' Committee, comprised of alternate delegates, had been appointed by Chairman Pierre as follows: A.J. Poole (IL Z), L.E. Faidley (IA A), J.A. Larson (IA A), J.M. Meacham (IA A), M.J. Wood (NH A), R.M. Clark (WI A), A.K. Hansen (WI A), and J.E. Robinson (WI A).

The report of the Committee on Chapter and National Financial Affairs was called. A.L. Messer (MI Th), Chair, said that her group had reviewed the chapter accounts-receivable. Four of the five chapters which owed the Society more than \$300 spoke to her group, explained their financial situation, and presented their plans of repayment. No special action need be taken concerning those four accounts, and the Illinois Beta Chapter had not yet arrived.

Ms. Messer said that her committee had reviewed the approved reimbursable expenses as specified in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, for 1999 Convention voting delegates and will report in the Third Business Meeting. Stating that her group had reviewed a proposal from the 1997 Convention regarding chapter fines, she moved, seconded by D.L. Edson (NY S), to amend Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), to increase all fines to five dollars (\$5.00). The 1997 Convention had recommended increasing the fines, which had not been changed since 1934. The time required by the headquarters staff to chase and collect missing reports is excessive, revenue from fines was only \$390 in 1996-97 and \$370 in 1997-98, and the charge for a returned check is now \$20. There was no discussion, and without objection the Chair laid the motion on the table.

Ms. Messer moved, seconded by L.B. Norton (TX Th), to amend Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.02, as follows: "a Chapter that holds an initiation ceremony for candidates elected under Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 2, without approval of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be assessed a fine of one (\$1.00) per approved initiation flat fine of \$50.00. She said that the original fine was set in 1934. An unapproved initiation is a serious matter which could involve chapter probation, and the serious issue is the unapproval itself, not the number of initiates. There was no discussion, and without objection the Chair laid the motion on the table.

Ms. Messer moved, seconded by A.M. VanSickle (NY Pi), to amend Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.03, to change \$10.00 to \$25.00 and to change \$100 to \$250 and to amend Sec. 8.04 as follows: "A Chapter that initiates a candidate elected as a member under Constitution Article VIII, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, without submitting proof of the worthiness of the candidate, without sending written approval of the Advisory Board of the Chapter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and without receiving the written approval of the election

as required by Constitution Article VIII, Section 3 or 7(c), and Bylaw 6.04(b) shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), per ineligible initiate, not to exceed \$250.00 per initiation. . . ." She said that it is time to increase the magnitude of the maximum fine, that it is appropriate to assess the fine per ineligible initiate, and that the situation is important to Tau Beta Pi, although uncommon with only one violation during the last four years. There was no discussion, and without objection the **Chair laid the motion on the table.**

The report of the Committee on Rituals was called. G.D. Seidel (TX D), Chair, said that his group had split into subcommittees to review an issue regarding initiation equipment and to resolve other Ritual issues and will present a resolution at the Third Business Meeting.

The report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. E.A. Treptow (WI A), Chair, said that his group had received one invitation from the Ohio Gamma Chapter to host the 2001 Convention in Columbus. The group had studied several factors such as continuity and costs, and concluded that the strengths of the chapter were sufficient to host the event. He **moved**, seconded by A.L. Messer (MI Th), **to accept the bid of Ohio Gamma to host the 2001 Convention.** The chapter has more than 150 active members, advisors are supportive and include the dean of engineering, two current officers plan to be available in 2001, and the members are highly committed and enthusiastic. The two hotels are adjacent; the Radisson Hotel has 80% of the sleeping rooms and sufficient meeting rooms, and the Marriot Hotel has the remaining sleeping rooms. Columbus is near the Tau Beta Pi centroid and is a major hub for America West Airlines. He noted that the 2001 Convention was estimated to cost \$14,000 less than the 1999 event and \$119,000 less than the 2000 event. Alternate dates are available in case of a home football game. There was no further discussion nor debate. The Chair called the question without objection, and the **motion passed** by voice vote.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was called. C.D. Behr (TX L), Chair, said that his committee had reviewed several items, and he **moved**, seconded by W.T. Pollack (IA A), **to remove the following sentence from Constitution Art. III, Sec. 6: "Such appointment shall be of a member who resides in the area of residence of the other members of the Executive Council."** Mr. Behr said that it had been overlooked by the 1997 Convention when it removed the geographical restriction on Council residence. There was no debate, and Chairman Pierre ruled that **the amendment passed**, but final approval is **subject to chapter ratification.**

Mr. Behr **moved**, seconded by P.L. Febles Cortez (IL D), **to amend Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d)(1), to remove the phrase "and of the seven members of its Advisory Board"** because this change is desirable and would simplify the duties of the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter. He **moved**, seconded by S.P. Lynch (WI E), **to table.** There was no debate, and the **Chair laid the matter on the table** without objection. Mr. Behr said that a correction in Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(e)(4), to remove a reference to a listing of active members that had been eliminated in 1996 is required, and the **Chair laid the matter on the table** without objection.

Mr. Behr said that his group had reviewed a proposal from the Executive Council to add the title of "Executive Director" to that of the Secretary-Treasurer. He **moved**, seconded by Z.M. Saul (ID A) **to amend Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 2(c), to read "The Secretary-Treasurer, who shall also be known as the Executive Director of Tau Beta Pi, shall be appointed by the Executive Council on a permanent full-time basis. . . ."** He said that it is sometimes difficult for the Secretary-Treasurer to deal efficiently with estate lawyers, university presidents, and the press. His group had studied the issue and believed that this is the most effective way to implement the change. P.L. Febles Cortez (IL D) asked if this would be the only place where the change would be made, and Mr. Behr replied in the affirmative. G.J. Elrite (AL E) suggested that Constitution IV, Sec. 1, should also be changed. L.B. Norton (TX Th) inquired if consideration had been given to the phrase "will function in the capacity of Executive Director"? Mr. Behr said yes and that other suggestions had also been considered. G.D. Seidel (TXD) inquired how many references to "Secretary-Treasurer" existed in the Constitution and Bylaws and whether a motion could be made to change each one. Mr. Behr said that he was unsure how many references existed, and that his group recommended providing the additional title but not replacing the current one. J.S. Fisher (OH G) inquired why the change could not be made in all references. Mr. Behr said that there were lists of duties that were specific to the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, that other duties were specified for the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, which was now not an issue for consideration. C.M. Parler (SC B) inquired why the extra title is needed and whether the individual would still be Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Behr said that some difficulties exist because most other organizations do not use the Secretary-Treasurer title. B.C. Finlay (OH A) stated that the change hurts nothing and is a minor improvement. The question was called and debate was ended on a voice vote. The **amendment passed** on a voice vote, but final approval is **subject to chapter ratification.**

The report of the ad hoc Committee on International Chapters was called. L.B. Norton (TX Th), Chair, said that her group was investigating eight issues as requested by the 1997 Convention, such as: how to communicate and how to determine if a petition meets our standards. The issues are complicated, and she urged delegates to discuss them and share their knowledge with her group. C.M. Salmon (AK A) inquired if Tau Beta Pi is reaching out to international institutions or if they are contacting the Association. Ms. Norton stated that Tau Beta Pi would not solicit other institutions and that the only inquiry so far is from an American university abroad. M.A. Hawker (IN B) inquired about the consideration of dues for international members. Ms. Norton said that this issue is being studied. Ms. Hawker inquired if consideration were given to scaling the amount of dues according to appropriate currency exchanges, and Ms. Norton replied in the affirmative. A. Srivatsa (NY I) inquired how Tau Beta Pi informs international institutions if we do not solicit them. Ms. Norton said the issue is under study, word of mouth is important, and international activities are just beginning. J.M. Rubinski (OH E) inquired if consideration is being given to holding Conventions in international locations. Ms. Norton said that the issue is being studied and that her

group recommended that Conventions be held in each country, perhaps with an international Convention every five years. A.L. Messer (MI Th) asked if other countries have their own existing honor societies. Ms. Norton thought that some do exist. Ms. Messer suggested how we would compete with them, and Ms. Norton suggested that interest might come only from countries with students who want to work in the U.S.

Chairman Pierre commended the professionalism, organization, and thoroughness demonstrated by the committee chairs in allowing the assembly to complete its business in less than the time allotted by the agenda and reminded the delegates that they were free to object to his rulings. The Second Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

District meetings reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Lunch was served in the Regency Ballroom of the hotel at 12:00 noon.

After the meal, the **Secretary-Treasurer's Report** for 1997-98 was given to each Convention registrant (and appeared in the Fall 1998 BENT). It is a part of these minutes. Secretary Froula presented a summary of that report.

Secretary Froula, Vice President Beans, and Assistant Secretary Hawks presented 66 **Secretary's Commendations** for perfection of headquarters reports and timely payment of fees in 1997-98 to: Alabama Beta, Alabama Delta, Arizona Alpha, California Alpha, California Beta, California Delta, California Theta, California Sigma, California Psi, California Omega, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Zeta, Connecticut Beta, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Georgia Beta, Idaho Alpha, Illinois Alpha, Indiana Beta, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Iowa Beta, Kansas Gamma, Louisiana Delta, Maryland Alpha, Maryland Beta, Massachusetts Alpha, Massachusetts Delta, Massachusetts Zeta, Massachusetts Eta, Michigan Delta, Michigan Epsilon, Minnesota Beta, Nevada Beta, New Hampshire Alpha, New Mexico Alpha, New York Eta, New York Theta, New York Kappa, New York Omicron, New York Pi, New York Tau, Ohio Delta, Ohio Epsilon, Ohio Eta, Ohio Theta, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Lambda, Oregon Beta, Pennsylvania Alpha, Pennsylvania Zeta, Pennsylvania Theta, Pennsylvania Lambda, Rhode Island Alpha, South Carolina Beta, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Texas Iota, West Virginia Alpha, Wisconsin Alpha, Wisconsin Beta, Wisconsin Gamma, Wisconsin Delta, Wisconsin Epsilon, and Wyoming Alpha.

Dr. Beans presented letters of recognition and scholarships of \$500 to the engineering schools of the following chapters which had won three consecutive Secretary's Commendations: Indiana Delta, Michigan Epsilon, New York Omicron, Ohio Theta, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Beta, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Wisconsin Alpha, and Wisconsin Delta.

As part of the **Chapter Development Program**, Assistant Secretary Hawks presented a slide show designed to instruct chapter officers of the membership procedures of the Association and to give them information about the Tau Beta Pi headquarters staff and operations.

Committee and Engineering Futures Meetings reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Cookies, brownies, and beverages were provided at 3:30 p.m. in a break sponsored by Dolby Laboratories Inc.

Interactive Chapter Exchanges were held starting at 3:45 p.m. in rooms of the hotel. Fifteen small-group exchange seminars were conducted, each with a District Director and a trained Engineering Futures Facilitator serving as moderators and other officials serving as scribes. Booklets containing background notes on the subjects of eligibility, election, and initiation of new members, of chapter management and projects, of the "Chapter Growth Cycle," and of group analytical problem solving were provided.

Dinner was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom; seating was by Interactive Chapter Exchange grouping. The chapter advisors at the Convention were specially recognized by Secretary Froula and the delegates.

The **report of the Director of Fellowships** was given by Director Pierre. He said that approximately 35 awards will be given in the 1998-99 Fellowship Program and that more than 200 applications are expected. He reported that the second Best Fellow was named and asked that alumni both contribute and request that their employers support the Fellowship Program.

Secretary Froula, Vice President Beans, and Assistant Secretary Hawks presented 19 Chapter Project Awards for excellence in project work during 1997-98 to: California Phi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Georgia Beta, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Theta, Minnesota Alpha, New Hampshire Alpha, New York Kappa, New York Omicron, New York Tau, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Epsilon, Vermont Beta, Washington Gamma, and Washington Delta.

Dr. Beans presented letters of recognition and scholarships of \$500 each to the engineering schools of the following chapters which had won three consecutive chapter project awards: California Phi, Florida Alpha, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Theta, Minnesota Alpha, New Hampshire Alpha, New York Kappa, New York Omicron, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, and Vermont Beta.

Secretary Froula presented recognition plaques to Alabama Beta and Massachusetts Beta which successfully nominated the 1998 Laureates.

Completing the **Chapter Development Program**, Assistant Secretary Hawks reviewed the "Chapter Growth Cycle."

Committee and Engineering Futures Meetings reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

President Basta and ^{Vice} President-elect ^{D'Avignon} ~~Green~~ hosted a breakfast meeting in the hotel at 7:30 a.m. on October 10 with delegates from chapters which plan to host the **District Conferences** in the spring of 1999. **District Meetings** reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

A **continental breakfast** was held at 8:00 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom.

Cookies, brownies, and beverages were provided at 9:30 a.m. in a break sponsored by Dolby Laboratories Inc.

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING Saturday, October 10, Regency Ballroom, Holiday Inn

Chairman Pierre called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. and reviewed voting procedures. Secretary Froula reported that 237 voting delegates and national officers were registered, thus fixing the number of votes required to pass various items of business. The **ad hoc Committee to Study Image and Marketing Materials**, comprised of alternate delegates, had been appointed by Chairman Pierre as follows: S. Abushar (MI I), T.H. Barber (NM G), M. Berrada (MN A), A.Y. Byun (OH A), L.E. DeFrate (PA L), C.M. Kobus (MI G), and G. Mital (NJ B).

Continuing the report of the Committee on Chapter and National Financial Affairs, A.L. Messer (MI Th), Chair, said that her group had reviewed the status of all five chapters which owed the Society more than \$300, was concerned about the financial strength of Illinois Beta, and suggested that it raise its initiation fee from \$40. The Chapter will mail at least \$300 within a week. Her group reviewed the independent auditor's report, prepared by a certified public accountant, and the 1997-98 Secretary-Treasurer's Report and believes that the Association's finances are in good shape, and commended the Secretary-Treasurer. **The motion to amend Bylaw VIII was removed from the table and is stated below.**

SECTION 8.01. Failure to Report. A Chapter that fails to report or to send to the Secretary-Treasurer within two weeks of the time indicated information required by the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be assessed and shall pay the following fines (see Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d) (1-6)):

(a) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on the addresses of the Chapter officers and/or alumnus members of the Advisory Board.

(b) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on the election of Chapter officers and new members of the Advisory Board.

(c) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on the list of candidates eligible for membership, on the official form entitled Report of Eligibility, filled in as specified in Bylaw VI, Section 6.04(a), within the first five weeks after the opening of the college year in the autumn, and within the first five weeks of the second semester, or term, or of the winter (or spring) quarter of the college year.

(d) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on the list of electees who have accepted membership, on the official form entitled Report of Election, and on the official card form entitled Tau Beta Pi Catalog Card, filled in as specified in Bylaw VI, Section 6.04(b), to reach the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association no later than two weeks before the expected date of initiation.

(e) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on the Report of Final Action on eligible candidates, filled in as specified by Bylaw VI, Sec. 6.04(c), and copy of the Chapter's Roll Book page(s), within two weeks after the initiation of new members.

(f) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on a duplicate of the credentials for the Convention delegate and alternate.

(g) ~~One dollar (\$1.00)~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) on a copy of the active Bylaws of the Chapter, as approved by the Advisory Board.

(Underlined words added; struck words deleted.)

Ms. Messer reminded the body that these levels had been sent in 1934 and that it was time to increase them but not to make them punitive. There was no debate, the **Bylaw amendment was adopted** on a voice vote without objection and **became effective immediately.**

The motion to amend Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.02, was removed from the table by the Chair without objection and is stated below:

SECTION 8.02. Unapproved Initiation. A Chapter that holds an initiation ceremony for candidates elected under Constitution Article VIII, Section 2, without approval of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be assessed a ~~fine of one dollar (\$1.00)~~ per unapproved initiate flat fine of \$50.00. See Sec. 8.04 and Const. Art. IX, Sec. 2.

(Underlined words added; struck words deleted.)

Ms. Messer stated that an unapproved initiation is a serious matter which could involve probation and that a flat fine is appropriate. **The Bylaw amendment was adopted** on a voice vote without objection and **became effective immediately**.

The motion to amend Bylaw VIII, Secs. 8.03 and 8.04, was removed from the table and was reread by Chairman Pierre. Ms. Messer said that these sections deal with the same issue on a per candidate basis and are rare, with only one violation of Sec. 8.04 during the last four years, and that a charge per candidate is appropriate. A delegate inquired when these two sections were last changed, and Secretary Froula stated his belief that it had been at least 30 years. T.S. Brin (KS G) stated that a \$250 ceiling is punitive and **moved**, seconded by M.D. Richmond (VA G), **to amend the \$250 ceiling in both sections to \$150**. Ms. Messer said that it would require a big mistake to initiate 10 ineligible candidates. A. Srivatsa (NY I) inquired if ineligible candidates are members, and Secretary Froula said that they are until their membership is cancelled by their chapter. A.S. Master (NY K) said that a \$250 fine for his small chapter would be deserved if 10 ineligible candidates were initiated. W.T. Pollock (IA A) spoke against the \$150 ceiling. Debate was ended on a voice vote, and the **amendment to the motion failed** on a voice vote. **A division of the house was called**, and a standing vote sustained the previous voice vote. Further debate on the original amendment was ended, and the **Bylaw amendment was adopted** on a voice vote and **became effective immediately**; it is stated below:

SECTION 8.03. Initiation of Ineligible Candidate. A Chapter that initiates a candidate who is ineligible under the Constitution and Bylaws shall be assessed a fine of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per ineligible initiate, not to exceed ~~\$100.00~~ \$250.00 per initiation. See Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 11.

SECTION 8.04. Lack of Proof of Worthiness. A Chapter that initiates a candidate elected as a member under Constitution Article VIII, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, without submitting proof of the worthiness of the candidate, without sending written approval of the Advisory Board of the Chapter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and without receiving the written approval of the election as required by Constitution Article VIII, Section 3 or 7(c), and Bylaw 6.04(b) shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per ineligible initiate, not to exceed \$250.00 per initiation, and the Chapter, at the discretion of the Executive Council, shall be placed on probation. (Probation is defined in Const. Art. IX, Sec. 2.)

(Underlined words added; struck words deleted.)

Ms. Messer said that Sec. 8.04 has an error and requested that Secs. 8.03 and 8.04 **be reconsidered**. Chairman Pierre ruled without objection that the motion be reconsidered. Ms. Messer **moved**, seconded by M.D. Richmond (VA G), to delete the word "ineligible" in Sec. 8.04. Chairman Pierre reread the proposed amendments to Secs. 8.03 and 8.04. K.A. Bryant (ME A) **moved**, seconded by A.L. Messer (MI Th), **to add the phrase "for whom proof of worthiness was not submitted"** after the phrase "fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per initiate," J.S. Fisher (OH G) stated that Sec. 8.04 is already clear without the change. Debate was ended on a voice vote, and the **amendment to the amendment passed** on a standing vote with 127 in favor and 70 opposed. **A motion by E.A. Stephan (DD 7) to table**, seconded by M.D. Richmond (VA G), **was defeated** on a voice vote. H.H. Houh (DD1) called for the orders of the day, and Chairman Pierre recessed the meeting for refreshments at 10:45 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. A.L. Kaleita (IL A) noted that the amendment now includes only one of the three criteria for a fine and asked that the amendment be defeated so that appropriate language could be added. Without objection, the **amendment failed** on a voice vote. Ms. Kaleita **moved**, seconded by A.L. Messer (MI Th), **to amend Sec. 8.04 to read ". . . shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per such candidate, not to exceed \$250 per initiation, . . ."** Debate was ended on a voice vote, and the **amendment passed** on a voice vote. R.J.M. Olson (MI Z) said that most chapters operate properly and will never have to deal with this issue. Debate was ended on a voice vote, and the **Bylaw amendment was adopted** on a standing vote with 209 in favor and two opposed and **became effective immediately**. Chairman Pierre informed the delegates that he would not accept future amendments unless they were provided in writing.

Ms. Messer **moved**, seconded by W.T. Pollock (IA A), **that the expense reimbursement allowances for the 1999 Convention be as follows** as shown on the Convention Voting Delegate's Expense Report: (1) travel by public carrier in super-saver or coach; (3) \$42 limit per night for a stopover for only the official delegate; (4) \$5 for breakfasts, \$6 for lunches, and \$8 for dinners each way for en route meals; (5) appropriate terminal expenses; and (6) on-site expenses of \$5 for breakfast. Ms. Messer said that costs are similar and reimbursements are still appropriate. There was no debate, and the **policy was adopted** on a voice vote. She moved, seconded by M.A. Wasef (AR A), that travel by private automobile be reimbursed at 25¢ per mile plus 5¢ per mile for each additional passenger member (up to three members) for travel by automobile (40¢ limit). Her group desires to keep reimbursement costs commensurate with the cost of operating a vehicle and believes that 25¢ per mile is appropriate for a nonprofit society. B.C. Finlay (OH A) asked why 5¢ per mile was appropriate? Ms. Messer stated that this is an industry standard which encourages car pooling. Chairman Pierre said that the extra reimbursement is an incentive for chapters to bring more members to the Convention. M.A. Hawker (IN B) **moved**, seconded by J.T. Butcher (VA A), **to change the 40¢ limit to 50¢**. J.R. Hendry (MI D) noted that 50¢ per mile is very expensive and could be a financial burden to Tau Beta Pi. J.S. Bibb (DD 4) said that the government allowance is a flat 32.5¢ per mile and that 50¢ per mile is excessive. Debate was ended, and the **amendment to the amendment failed** on a voice vote. R.J.M. Olson (MI Z) said that this issue was discussed thoroughly in committee, that a chapter could call headquarters if exceptions were desired, and that the Association is flexible. Debate was ended on a voice vote, and the **policy passed** on a voice vote.

Continuing the report of the Committee on Rituals, G.D. Seidel (TX D), Chair, said that his two subcommittees had met and wished to present results. Non-members were excused from the room to preserve the secrecy of the Ritual. One subcommittee had reviewed the issue of candidates who refuse to join Tau Beta Pi as a result of personal or religious beliefs. He **moved**, seconded by A.M. VanSickle (NY P), **to amend the text on page one of the Ritual to replace the second paragraph with new instructions**. He noted that a letter will be sent to chapter presidents from the Director of Rituals and shall include instructions for presidents to make the candidates aware of the requirement to take an oath and give them the option to decline their acceptance before the day of the ceremony. Thus the amendment to the Ritual would act as a last resort to protect candidates from embarrassment and to protect the initiation ceremony from disruption. Without objection, the **amendment passed** on a voice vote. Mr. Seidel said that the subcommittee was unable to reach a permanent solution to the issue of making allowances for candidates who cannot accept the oath for personal or religious reasons, feels that concessions need to be made to allow those candidates to still be recognized in a fitting manner, and **moved**, seconded by S.P. Lynch (WI E), **to refer this issue to the 1999 Committee of Rituals**. Chairman Pierre said that the **motion was accepted and would be referred**. Mr. Seidel said that the second subcommittee met to discuss the results and the future of the initiation ceremony lighting system design competition, and Director of Rituals Hirsch read the following comments:

"The Convention in 1996 requested that a sequential lighting system for the initiation ceremony be designed and made available with all new initiation kits. In October 1997, the Executive Council approved a design contest with awards of up to five \$500 scholarships to the chapter or chapters submitting the chosen design or designs and naming the lighting system after the winning chapter or chapters. The Rituals Committee at the 1997 Convention composed a set of specifications and criteria for evaluating the proposals. This and a cover letter were sent out to each chapter President in January 1998. Proposals were due to the Director of Rituals by April 15, 1998. We received three proposals, two from one chapter and one from another. None fully met the specifications and criteria. Two of them required Alpha to remember which switch to turn on to illuminate the lamp in front of the next speaker. This seemed to fail the foolproof criterion. The third proposal did light the lamps sequentially with each push of a button. However, it did not meet the criteria for ease of manufacture or cost to build and maintain given the limited production. Therefore, the Executive Council has reopened the design contest. Headquarters will send out a new cover letter and specifications to each Chapter President in November with new proposals due by April 1, 1999. We encourage each Chapter to appoint a small team of members to design a lamp control system that fully meets the specifications and criteria and submit a proposal to the Director of Rituals by April 1, 1999. We thank the two chapters who submitted proposals earlier this year and encourage them to revise their proposals and submit them again. Thanks very much for helping to implement the request of the 1997 Convention Rituals Committee to hold a design contest."

Mr. Seidel said that his committee decided to add an explanation to the footnotes that accompany the parts marked "optional" in the Ritual. The addition to those footnotes would be written by the Director of Rituals and will warn the lectors not to delete the optional text without the prior approval of the chapter advisory board. Non members returned to the room.

Continuing the report of the Committee on Convention Site, E.A. Treptow (WI A), Chair, thanked members of his group, applauded the efforts of Ohio Gamma, and said that his group moved that the Convention recommend that the Executive Council for the 1999 Convention examine establishing incentives to encourage bids to host the national Convention. Without objection, the Chair authorized Secretary Froula to deliver the recommendation to the Executive Council.

Continuing the report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, C.D. Behr (TX L), Chair, **moved**, seconded by P.E. Kobylarz (NC D), **to remove from the table the amendment to Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d)(1)**, and presented a substitute motion including related changes to Bylaw III, Bylaw VIII, and Constitution Article VII as shown below:

Bylaw III

Section 3.01. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall:

(e) Be responsible for:

(4) Obtaining from the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter in October the names and post office addresses of the officers ~~and active members of the Chapter and of the Advisory Board~~, and subsequently all changes in their memberships which may occur during the year. See Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d) (1).

(5) Obtaining from the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter changes in the post office addresses and/or membership of the Advisory Board as they may occur during the year.

(Underlined words added; struck words deleted; all subsequent subsections in Section 3.01(e) would need to be renumbered, requiring updating a cross-reference in Const. VII, Sec. 1(c): "... See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(e)(13)(14).")

Bylaw V

Section 5.03(d). It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter to: (1) Send promptly in October each year to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association lists of the names and post-office addresses of the officers of the Chapter ~~and of the seven members of its Advisory Board~~ and to report promptly all changes in this information which may occur during the year. See Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01(a), (b).

Bylaw VIII

Section 8.01(a). A Chapter that fails to report or to send to the Secretary-Treasurer within two weeks of the time indicated information required by the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be assessed and shall pay the following fines (see Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d) (1-6)): (a) Five dollars (\$5.00) on the addresses of the Chapter officers ~~and/or alumnus members of the Advisory Board~~.

(Struck words deleted)

Without objection, Chairman Pierre accepted the substitute motion. Mr. Behr said that the purpose is to eliminate some paperwork required of chapters but to keep headquarters aware of address changes and new Advisory Board members; the amendment is presented as a package for consistency and clarity. There was no debate, and the **Bylaw amendments passed** on a voice vote and **became effective immediately**. Mr. Behr thanked members of his committee, the Executive Council, and others who assisted and advised his group.

Continuing the report of the ad hoc Committee on International Chapters, L.B. Norton (TX Th), Chair, thanked her committee members, stated that the specific issues were too complex to achieve closure, and **moved**, seconded by J.J. Ozvold (NY Th), that **the Convention recommend that the Executive Council appoint a task force on international issues to analyze, make recommendations, and report on its findings to the 1999 Convention**, based on the discussion points given to her group. Without objection, the Chair ruled that her **motion passed** and so ordered the resolution. Ms. Norton recommended that the report of her group be forwarded to the Executive Council, and Chairman Pierre ruled so ordered.

The report of the Committee on Awards was called. C.M. Parler (SC B), Chair, said that her group had divided into subcommittees to perform two assignments, and she **moved**, seconded by L.C. Peterson (NY B), **to amend Const. Art. III, Sec. 2(b)**, as follows:

Constitution Article III

Section 2(b). The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall, prior to the Convention, appoint an appropriate number of delegates to the following Committees: (1) Petitions, (2) Constitution and Bylaws, (3) Chapter and National Financial Affairs, (4) Rituals, (5) Convention Site, (6) Resolutions, (7) ~~Awards~~ R.C. Matthews Award, (8) R.H. Nagel Award, and such other Committees as the Executive Council may authorize. An Officer of the Association shall be appointed to act as advisor to each Committee. These Committees shall meet on the first day of the Convention to consider the respective subjects and later shall present their reports to the Convention.

(Underlined words added; struck words deleted.)

Ms. Parler said this would simplify the work for her committee. K.L. Martin (Al. Vis.) asked which committee would then address other awards, and she replied that the Council could appoint other committees. Without further debate, **the amendment passed** on a standing vote with 178 in favor, 34 opposed, and **will be submitted to the chapters for ratification**.

The report of the ad hoc Standard of Excellence Selection Committee was called. D.A. Van Veldhuizen (OH H), Chair, thanked his group, which was charged with three major responsibilities: considering award recipients, discussing the merits of establishing a "Standard of Excellence in Engineering Award," and making suggestions to improve the award process. His group considered the two nominated individuals for the Standard of Excellence in Liberal Culture Award and made its selection, who will be announced at the banquet. His committee recommends clarifications to the award's basis for nomination and has tied the judging criteria to the Tau Beta Pi eligibility code and ideals, recommends that the Executive Council publicize this award in suitable venues, and suggests that award recipients be invited to the following year's Convention for recognition at the national level because it is a national award. His group considered the resolution of the 1997 Convention directing establishment of a "Tau Beta Pi Standard of Excellence in Engineering" award and feels strongly that this additional award is not appropriate at this time. Chairman Pierre ruled that the above resolution was so ordered. Mr. Van Veldhuizen **moved**, seconded by D.J. Tabor (WV B) that **the phrase "in Liberal Culture" be struck from the award name so that the award will be known as the "National Tau Beta Pi Standard of Excellence Award."** S.H. Parekh (TX A) explained that the name had been added because the 1997 ad hoc committee on Standard of Excellence Award, on which he served, believed that the award should be tied clearly to liberal culture. W.T. Pollock (IA A) said that for the same reason additional clarifying text had been added to the award description by the 1998 committee. Without further debate, **the motion passed** on a voice vote, and the Chair ruled that this material be given to the 1999 ad hoc Committee on Standard of Excellence Award.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was called. S.M Harrison (CT B), Chair, said that his group had reviewed two of the Association's scholarship programs and recommended that the name of The Robert H. Nagel Scholarship Program be changed to The Tau Beta Pi Association Scholarship Program and that the name of The Tau Beta Pi Association Scholarship Program be changed to The Tau Beta Pi Chapter Performance Scholarship Program. He said that by creating generic program titles, we would encourage individual contributions for scholarships, and by including "chapter performance" in the second program, chapters would receive appropriate recognition from their deans. Without objection, Chairman Pierre **ruled so ordered**. Mr. Harrison read Section I of the Resolutions that appears on the following pages, and his group presented an extremely well received humorous skit about Tau Beta Pi and the land of Oz.

Without objection, the Chair called for the **report from the ad hoc Committee to Study Image and Marketing Materials**. C.M. Kobus (MI G NV Del.), Chair, said that Tau Beta Pi had experienced a decreasing trend in the percentage of eligible students who join, lack of interest was cited as the primary reason that students did not join, and improving the image of Tau Beta Pi through refined marketing materials will inspire more eligible students to join. The charge for her group was to recommend to the Executive Council a message that the marketing materials should convey, suggestions for improving the materials, and a selection among the three marketing firms to best promote Tau Beta Pi. The current brochures and posters are outdated, unsightly, and do not accurately reflect what Tau Beta Pi represents. The materials ignore the diversity of people in professions that comprise the Society and fail to emphasize the benefits of joining Tau Beta Pi. Photographs should display the diversity of membership and show that Tau Beta Pi is for everybody. Women and minorities of different ages and career paths should be displayed and thus encouraged to join and add diversity. The advantages of joining a prestigious honor society must be conveyed in our materials, and her group recommends in order of priority that: (1) new posters should be created; (2) a set of brochures should be targeted for students and electees; (3) a set of brochures should be targeted for companies; (4) the Tau Beta Pi website should be improved; and (5) a distinguished invitation card should be designed for our prospective members to add more formality and honor to the recipient. Her group recommends that the Council contract Genovese Coustenis Design to provide Tau Beta Pi marketing materials, tailored according to the above recommendations, to be ready for distribution at the 1999 Convention. Chairman Pierre **accepted the entire resolution**, called for the orders of the day, and adjourned the Third Business Meeting at 12:20 p.m.

A buffet lunch was held in the atrium of Rathbone Hall on the KSU campus at 12:30 p.m.

The **Model Initiation** was conducted at 2:00 p.m. in Forum Hall in the KSU Student Union. The Committee on Rituals and members of the Kansas Gamma Chapter had organized the ceremony. Director of Rituals Hirsch explained to the delegates the importance of proper preparation for and conduction of the initiation ceremony, the purpose of the model ceremony, proper dress, and prompt reporting to Headquarters. The initiation team consisted of Secretary-Treasurer Froula, Councillor Beans, District 9 Director Fowler, Dean of Engineering Terry S. King, Kansas Gamma Chapter President Elizabeth R. Verderber, Director Hirsch and Rituals Committee members R.M. Alvarez (CA O), Z.M. Saul (ID A), J.D. Long (KS B), J.W. Bjork (MN B), A.N. Dozet (NH A), K.G. Bornhorst (OH I), J.C. Johnson (SD A), S.P. Beede (VT B), and J.K. Froehling (WI B). The model initiation brought into membership in the Association 25 student members, one alumnus member of Kansas Gamma, and one alumnus member of South Dakota Beta.

The Convention **group photograph** was taken in bright sunshine on the steps of the East Stadium at 3:00 p.m.

Vice President Beans and President-elect Green met at 3:30 p.m. with all **chapter advisors** in the hotel.

The **Initiation and Awards Banquet** was held in the Regency Ballroom of the hotel at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Richard B. Hayter, SD B '65, was master of ceremonies and presented the invocation. E.R. Verderber (KS G President) welcomed and congratulated the initiates, encouraged them to participate in their chapter's activities during the year, reviewed the history of the "KS" letters on the hill, recognized the top three polished bent castings, stated her pride in the initiates, thanked their parents, and stated her chapter's honor in hosting the Convention. President Basta, acknowledging photographic help from several people, presented the **R.H. Nagel Memorial Slide Show** and stated that Bob will be missed. The Final Business Meeting was held as recorded below, after which the Convention received heartfelt farewell messages.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Unger, Women's Badge 561, vice provost of academic services and technology and dean of continuing education at KSU, stated her pleasure in addressing the delegates, said that the Association had positively influenced the culture and professionalism at every engineering college that she knew, told the story of her invitation for a Women's Badge from Michigan Alpha in 1960, and stated the university's sincere pleasure in hosting the Convention. Dr. Terry S. King, dean of engineering, said that Tau Bates are distinguished from other equally qualified interviewees by their commitment, integrity, and dedication to excellence, and he invited the delegates to return home safely and to return to KSU again.

Brian J. Budke, Arrangements Co-Chair, congratulated the winning Colorado Zeta volleyball team, introduced Vice President-elect D'Avignon's fiancée — Pam Smith, and wished the attenders a safe trip home.

President D.M. Green responded for the Association, thanked KSU and Kansas Gamma for the beautiful weather and for hosting the Convention, and introduced Catherine C. Jehring (WI A), 1999 Convention Arrangements Chair.

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 10, Initiation and Awards Banquet
Regency Ballroom, Holiday Inn

Chairman Pierre took charge of the Final Business Meeting on the banquet program at 8:06 p.m. Without objection, he directed Secretary Froula to forward proposals from J.S. Fisher (OH G) on electronic reporting and on investigating the construction of a new headquarters building to the Executive Council.

Vice President E.W. Beans announced that the Executive Council had made two **GIG Chapter Project Grants** for 1998-99 to Iowa Alpha (\$275) for its "Project Catapult" and to Massachusetts Delta (\$750) for its "Playground Construction Project" and presented plaques to the winning chapters.

Vice President Beans made the presentation of the 1998 Tau Beta Pi **National Outstanding Advisor Award** in honor of John A. Tucker, Massachusetts Beta Chapter Advisor, to Dr. Thomas W. Eagar, MA B '72, Mr. Tucker's representative, and recognized the excellent performance of the chapter under his effective guidance. He presented checks of \$1,000 each for Mr. Tucker and the dean's discretionary fund at MIT to Dr. Eagar, who said that Mr. Tucker had attended each of the 84 chapter initiations of 4,493 initiates during the last 42 years.

Continuing the report of the ad hoc Committee on Standard of Excellence Award, Councillor J.R. Luchini spoke of the brief history of the program, reviewed its objectives and purpose, and stated the characteristics of engineers helping others. D.A. Van Veldhuizen (OH H), Chair, said that his group had selected a winner from two nominees: Dr. William T. Snyder, TN A '54, nominated by the Great Smoky Mountains Alumnus Chapter and sponsored by the Tennessee Alpha Chapter. Mr. Van Veldhuizen read his citation.

Councillor Brennan made the Association's **Laureate presentations**. She introduced Jonathan M. Owens, AL B '98, recognized his diverse accomplishments, and presented him with a Laureate plaque and \$2,500 award.

Councillor Brennan mentioned Guang-Ien Cheng, MA B '97, lauded his diverse achievements, and said that his Laureate plaque and \$2,500 award would be mailed to him at Cambridge University.

Director of Engineering Futures Hickling presented \$500 and an award for the District with the highest percentage of chapters holding sessions to Dr. R.W. Mead (DD 13).

Continuing the report of the Committee on Awards, C.M. Parler (SC B), Chair, reviewed the criteria for the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** and introduced K.L. McDonnell (DC G), Vice Chair, who explained the basis of improvement of the three chapters following and who presented **honorable mentions** to California Sigma and Ohio Epsilon and the **Most Improved Chapter Award** to Massachusetts Delta. (Plaques will be prepared and delivered to the winners later.)

C.M. Parler reviewed the criteria, history, and the importance of the reports and documentation for the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award**. She presented the **honorable mention** to New Hampshire Alpha, noting its career development and numerous community service projects, and the **Outstanding Chapter Award** to Maryland Beta. She complemented the winner's 50-plus projects, detailed and clear chapter survey, and clear representation of the high standards of Tau Beta Pi. (Plaques will be prepared and delivered to the winners later.)

Continuing the report of the Resolutions Committee, S.M. Harrison (CT B), Chair, presented a plaque of appreciation to the Kansas Gamma Chapter and desk pieces to E.R. Verderber, President, and to B.J. Budke, Convention Arrangements Co-chair. He read Section II of the following:

Resolutions of the Convention

(Section I.) On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, it is my duty to present this year's Resolutions. We thank Kansas Gamma at Kansas State University, for hosting the 93rd national Convention and for providing the transportation to Aggieville. By the way, it is NOT a short walk.

To Executive Director, Secretary-General, Leader of the Free World, and Grand Poohbah Jim Froula — are your new business cards printed yet?

To the Executive Council, thank you for all of your hard work during the past four years.

WEATHER BREAK IN

For this next thank you . . . picture this — beer commercials, Animal House, South Park; these reflect the comedic nature of the Resolutions Committee for all of its hard work and dedication. I LOVE YOU MAN!

We welcome the new Executive Council that will be installed tonight. We are excited to have your group bring us into the next millennium. Ed, please let your fiancée know that ALL engineers are nerds; anyone in this room would be happy to show her a slide rule, including yours.

Thanks to Director of Fellowships Steve Pierre and the members of the Fellowship Board. Steve, the force that gave you an extra two minutes was the dark side.

Thanks to Director of Rituals Alan Hirsch. Alan, how many engineers does it take to change a light bulb?

Gracias al Director de Engineering Futures Ron Hickling.

A very special thanks to the headquarters staff for your endless support throughout the year. We are happy to finally meet Tamara, Rebecca, Lanita, and Angie in person. Angie, here's a spare pen.

Fellow delegates, please repeat after me: WE WISH TO THANK . . . ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER ROGER HAWKS . . . FOR ALL OF HIS HARD WORK. . . THANKS. Thank you delegates. Enough! Enough already!!

Thanks to the Trust Advisory Committee members who manage the investment portfolio.

WEATHER BULLETIN

I think we all know the menu for the 2001 Convention — BUCKEYES, BUCKEYES, BUCKEYES.

I move that Wisconsin Alpha bring NO BADGERS to next year's Convention.

A special thanks to all the District Directors for their hard work this weekend. Hey, Joe, how many seatbelts do you have in your truck?

We all know it was a long wait, four hours, for a bus at Kansas City Airport. Heather, how did that chant go?

We congratulate Maryland Epsilon at Morgan State University, installed March 7, 1998, for attending its first national Convention.

Also, we congratulate South Dakota Beta at South Dakota State University, installed April, 23, 1974, for attending its FIRST national Convention. We're glad you could finally worm your way here.

WEATHER BULLETIN

On May 5, 1999, Wisconsin Alpha will be celebrating its centennial anniversary. Other chapters will be celebrating their 75th and 50th anniversaries, as well. Happy birthday!

Congratulations to the 1998 Laureates; we will meet one of them tonight.

Congratulations to John Tucker, Massachusetts Beta Advisor, for receiving the National Outstanding Advisor Award.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Appreciation goes to the 23 companies which donated money and products to the national Convention.

Thanks to all the alumnus contributors who contributed generously and funded many activities of our Association.

A special thanks to all the chapter leaders for giving their valuable time and effort this weekend.

WEATHER BULLETIN

And finally, we would like to thank the senior director of . . .

[Resolution Committee members presented a hilarious skit based on the Wizard of Oz and Tau Beta Pi.]

(Section II.) On behalf of the Resolutions Committee for the 1998 national Tau Beta Pi Convention, I thank Kansas Gamma, Kansas State University, and the City of Manhattan for hosting this Convention.

We thank the Kansas Gamma Chapter by presenting President Elizabeth Verderber with a plaque to commend its hard work.

In addition, we extend our gratitude to Brian Budke and Elizabeth Verderber for organizing the Convention. Their leadership and planning made the entire weekend flawless. We would like to present each of you with a token of our appreciation, and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

This year we are fortunate to witness the Executive Council transition. We appreciate the efforts of the current Council, which has served since 1994. Hailing from Michigan and Ohio, its members are Edward Basta, President; Dr. E. William Beans, Vice President; and Dr. Robert Barr Jr., Molly Brennan, and Dr. John Luchini, Councillors.

The Executive Council that will guide us for the next four years will be installed this evening. Hailing from New York and Maryland, its members are Dr. Douglas Green, President; Edward D'Avignon, Vice President; and Dr. Jerome Atkins, Dr. George Peterson, and Catherine Rice, Councillors. We look forward to your leadership.

We all join in thanking Executive Director Jim Froula, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger Hawks, and the Headquarters staff for their constant dedication and hard work to keep the Association running smoothly. A thousand thank-yous to our District Directors who keep our chapters motivated.

Congratulations to the many Chapters which have upheld the highest standards and traditions of Tau Beta Pi. This year we saw a record 66 Secretary's Commendations. We also saw several Tau Beta Pi Chapter Performance Scholarships. Also, congratulations to the 1998 Laureates; you are role models for all Tau Bates.

The Resolutions Committee members express our sincere appreciation to Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Robert H. Nagel for his 55 years of devoted service to Tau Beta Pi. The Association is forever touched by his legacy.

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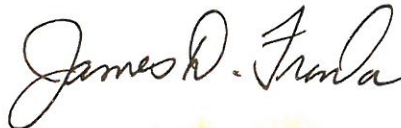
We hope that many of the new ideas we shared this weekend and the actions of the various committees make running your local chapter an easier, more rewarding experience. More importantly, we hope that your new-found friendships formed this weekend will withstand the pressures of distance and time and prove to be continuous sources of ideas and encouragement for years to come. It is our responsibility not to allow all that we have learned at this Convention to fade away. Rather, it is our duty to keep the spirit of the 93rd Convention, the spirit of Tau Beta Pi, as the foundation of all we do. Long after we leave the Flint Hills of Kansas, our renewed pride and commitment to Tau Beta Pi will inspire us to act with honor, to live with integrity, and to perform with excellence. We sincerely thank you!

S.M. Harrison, **moved**, seconded by E.A. Treptow (WIA), that **the resolutions be adopted by the Convention**. The motion carried on a voice vote.

President Basta gave a recruiting message asking for volunteers for the District Program, encouraged chapters to use the Chapter installation ceremony, thanked all of those who serve Tau Beta Pi, introduced and **formally installed** each member of **the Mid-Atlantic Council**, and turned over the Tau Beta Pi gavel to 1998-2002 President Douglas M. Green. He thanked the retiring Council for its five years of excellent service and dedication to Tau Beta Pi, and each new Councillor presented a Danbury Clock with appropriate individual engraving on the front and a Tau Beta Pi key on the top to each retiring Councillor in sequence. Councillor Barr was recognized with a tennis racket for his work with advisors and alumni, Councillor Luchini with a guitar for his knowledge of the Constitution and Bylaws and work with awards, Councillor Brennan with a running shoe for her leadership and improving the image of the Society and her work with Engineering Futures, Vice President Beans with bowling pins for his work on finances and innovations on scholarships, and President Basta with baseball imagery for his leadership and encouragement in doubling the quantity of Secretary's Commendations. The Convention responded enthusiastically with a standing ovation and "let's go Tribe" applause.

In the spirit of the occasion, the entire banquet group raised a continuous chain of purple and green napkins and joined Secretary-Treasurer Froula in the **Tau Beta Pi yell**. Chairman Pierre then declared the **Convention adjourned sine die** at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,



James D. Froula, P.E.
Convention Secretary

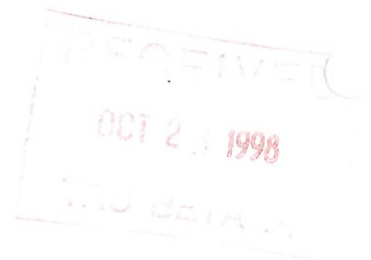
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Enclosure: 1998 President's Report

Approved by,



D. Stephen Pierre, Jr.
Convention Chair



1998 CONVENTION FINANCIAL RECORD

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EC, DDs, 3/5/99

Chapter	Delegate's Expense	Convention Assessment	Chapter	Delegate's Expense	Convention Assessment	Chapter	Delegate's Expense	Convention Assessment
AL A	\$197.12	\$366.00	FL D	\$201.57	\$492.00	MI E	\$172.50	\$69.00
AL B	262.10	108.00	FL E	207.25	42.00	MI Z	168.00	225.00
AL G	204.50	60.00	FL Z	264.86	63.00	MI H	216.73	66.00
AL D	175.78	162.00	FL H	253.55	141.00	MI Th	211.10	39.00
AL E	290.27	57.00	FL Th	210.75	138.00	MI I	170.50	87.00
AK A	1,009.59	45.00	GA A	232.33	156.00	MI K	192.11	126.00
AZ A	297.43	87.00	GA B	238.18	60.00	MN A	259.31	258.00
AZ B	258.00	78.00	ID A	256.31	102.00	MN B	220.40	42.00
AZ G	393.00	39.00	IL A	328.00	432.00	MS A	281.43	81.00
AR A	174.20	87.00	IL B	156.45	42.00	MS B	206.00	87.00
CA A	221.61	210.00	IL G	137.34	120.00	MO A	133.91	177.00
CA B	251.00	75.00	IL D	270.54	117.00	MO B	13.05	192.00
CA G	264.00	123.00	IL E	221.75	99.00	MO G	179.21	75.00
CA D	340.00	129.00	IL Z	334.28	150.00	MT A	362.50	102.00
CA E	340.01	102.00	IN A	294.91	186.00	MT B	509.00	99.00
CA Z	214.21	45.00	IN B	223.46	111.00	NE A	0.00	84.00
CA H	360.85	111.00	IN G	290.86	132.00	NV A	219.45	57.00
CA Th	344.00	78.00	IN D	110.12	36.00	NV B	214.21	57.00
CA I	327.04	27.00	IN E	170.50	36.00	NH A	283.52	54.00
CA K	214.21	27.00	IA A	0.00	363.00	NJ A*	0.00	99.00
CA L	353.24	162.00	IA B	167.20	96.00	NJ B	278.17	213.00
CA M	514.73	120.00	KS A	41.50	105.00	NJ G	245.82	174.00
CA N	336.21	120.00	KS B	122.50	36.00	NJ D*	0.00	108.00
CA Xi	325.18	54.00	KS G	9.60	153.00	NM A	290.22	117.00
CA O	346.84	33.00	KY A	172.50	96.00	NM B	28.00	114.00
CA R	247.56	72.00	KY B*	0.00	123.00	NM G	24.00	54.00
CA S*#	305.36	90.00	LA A	250.50	63.00	NY A	285.29	135.00
CA T	214.21	108.00	LA B*	0.00	60.00	NY B	361.82	54.00
CA U	211.21	93.00	LA G	207.18	39.00	NY G	355.92	171.00
CA Ph	374.07	33.00	LA D	228.07	54.00	NY D	177.50	315.00
CA Ch#	749.00	42.00	LA E	194.79	39.00	NY H	284.23	75.00
CA Ps	236.55	90.00	ME A	388.78	63.00	NY Th	466.72	114.00
CA Omg	240.10	33.00	MD A	352.15	141.00	NY I	600.00	21.00
CA AA	384.84	78.00	MD B	322.07	153.00	NY K	385.51	78.00
CO A	245.82	162.00	MD G	351.92	153.00	NY M*	0.00	27.00
CO B	290.87	81.00	MD D	394.50	27.00	NY N	320.28	162.00
CO D*	0.00	126.00	MD E	271.81	120.00	NY Xi	291.70	78.00
CO E*	0.00	48.00	MA A	378.24	237.00	NY O	232.23	57.00
CO Z	197.97	171.00	MA B	257.18	342.00	NY Pi	322.24	99.00
CT A*	0.00	42.00	MA D	250.11	123.00	NY R	249.05	96.00
CT B	362.67	114.00	MA E	203.37	129.00	NY S	419.15	48.00
CT G*	0.00	30.00	MA Z	248.66	108.00	NY T	288.92	45.00
DE A	389.27	153.00	MA H	294.89	108.00	NC A	280.62	174.00
DC A	217.91	57.00	MA Th*	0.00	0.00	NC G	257.16	102.00
DC B	206.92	24.00	MA I	267.54	27.00	NC D	393.60	99.00
DC G	215.62	60.00	MI A	202.27	102.00	NC E	263.12	99.00
FL A	276.71	228.00	MI B	293.86	165.00	ND A	303.24	105.00
FL B	241.22	102.00	MI G	649.95	411.00	ND B	291.98	48.00
FL G	245.11	114.00	MI D	419.73	36.00	OH A	170.50	114.00

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Chapter	Delegate's Expense	Convention Assessment	Chapter	Delegate's Expense	Convention Assessment	Chapter	Delegate's Expense	Convention Assessment
OH B	\$231.26	\$177.00	PA I	\$365.60	\$24.00	TX Th	\$282.09	\$87.00
OH G	206.77	216.00	PA K	288.36	12.00	TX I	113.19	63.00
OH D	173.62	69.00	PA L	221.04	93.00	TX K	191.29	72.00
OH E	170.50	138.00	PR A	469.00	234.00	TX L	285.46	84.00
OH Z	274.16	81.00	RI A	222.79	66.00	UT A	491.00	150.00
OH H	222.12	48.00	RI B	250.56	39.00	UT B	283.10	159.00
OH Th	280.24	93.00	SC A	218.14	153.00	UT G	629.16	126.00
OH I	255.40	51.00	SC B	337.37	72.00	VT A	451.58	39.00
OH K	182.38	78.00	SC G	242.74	51.00	VT B	322.39	24.00
OH L	389.71	39.00	SD A	388.00	201.00	VA A	264.86	114.00
OH M	213.91	66.00	SD B	259.68	66.00	VA B	346.66	264.00
OK A	148.25	165.00	TN A	255.85	174.00	VA G	284.74	78.00
OK B	0.00	72.00	TN B	110.36	138.00	VA D	251.97	186.00
OK G	171.52	204.00	TN G	153.68	123.00	WA A	284.50	120.00
OR A	309.32	99.00	TN D	223.00	51.00	WA B	1,085.72	108.00
OR B	309.32	78.00	TN E	302.20	66.00	WA G	307.50	27.00
PA A	326.41	207.00	TN Z	348.20	60.00	WA D	432.18	45.00
PA B	398.85	273.00	TX A	285.19	306.00	WV A	368.99	111.00
PA G	189.57	84.00	TX B	288.50	156.00	WV B	265.12	51.00
PA D	207.61	84.00	TX G	266.20	75.00	WI A	477.83	138.00
PA E	322.69	48.00	TX D	290.27	291.00	WI B	188.40	90.00
PA Z	417.44	96.00	TX E	211.89	93.00	WI G	232.05	48.00
PA H	354.13	84.00	TX Z	282.57	45.00	WI D	384.64	60.00
PA Th	358.05	75.00	TX H	141.04	90.00	WI E	259.54	90.00
						WY A	213.29	183.00
						TOTAL	58,324.62	23,976.00

Delegate's Expense Total \$58,324.62

Other Conv. Expenses \$58,413.16

Total Expenses \$116,737.78

NOTES:

* Chapter did not send delegate to Convention.

Unused airfare charged to Association.

Delegate's expense includes transportation costs and other reported expenses for which the delegate was reimbursed.

Delegate's expense was credited to the chapter's account, except airline tickets billed directly to and paid by headquarters.

Convention Assessment for new members was charged to the chapter's account @ \$3.00 per member initiated between August 1, 1997, and July 31, 1998.

Other Convention expenses include costs incurred in Manhattan for meals, lodging, local transportation, and other items paid on behalf of the delegates by headquarters.

A complete report of the 1998 Convention revenues and expenses will be given in the Association's year-end statements for July 31, 1999.

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